Welcome

MontCAS

Montana Comprehensive Assessment System

Smarter 2016

Getting Started: Review of Steps

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Steps

1. Student registration: Through AIM including bi weekly updates
   - Keep AIM updated, including ALT eligibility changes
   - **Do not** try to make changes in TIDE
2. Download 2016 Secure Browsers
   - Install technology and check devices including sound checks
3. System administrators and coordinators and school coordinators assign roles in TIDE
4. Determine tools, supports, and accommodations for students (settings is the term)—enter them in TIDE
5. Use training and practice tests to familiarize students with online settings.
6. Training—TA training notebook

http://opi.mt.gov/PDF/Assessment/SMART/Smarter_TATraining_Notebook.pdf

TIDE TIPS

- No reply emails for TIDE went to everyone who had an ART account as of late January.
- TIDE Roles: *DA— System (District) Administrator; DC—System (District) Coordinator; SC—School Test Coordinator; TE—Teacher, TA—Test Administrator
  - Only DA, DC, SC can edit, add, delete users and roles.
  - Most roles includeTA, but TA does not necessarily have other roles
- Table of User Roles—Also in TA training notebook

  http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/SMART/16TIDEUserRoles_AccessTable.pdf

  - TA Certification—not required/do not complete
    - **Note: The Test Administrator Certification application can be used for reference or training, but is NOT REQUIRED to administer the Montana Smarter Balanced assessments.**
- An account (person) can have roles in more than one school.

Practice and Training Tests

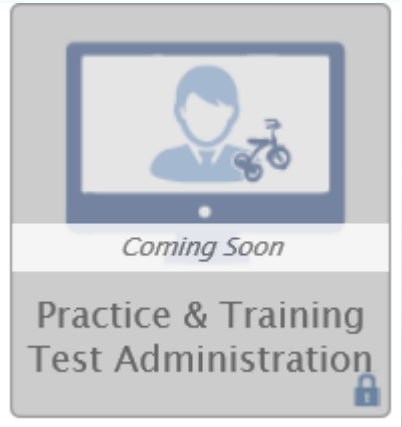
Smarter Link: https://practice.smarterbalanced.org/student/

Scheduled Smarter Maintenance on Practice and Training Tests Feb. 17, 5pm – 9pm

No need to sign in, already a guest.

- Click sign in.
- Choose grade, click yes
- Choose grade and content
- Choose settings
- Start my test
- Answer keys

http://www.smarterbalanced.org/practice-test-resources-and-documentation/#scoring



Proctored Practice Tests in the Secure Browser are currently undergoing system maintenance and will be made available soon. Please check back for further information.

Added February 17, 2016

Reminders

- Performance Tasks (PT) are required
  - Classroom activities for PT are not required or available
- Test Security
  - Refer to 2015 document/update in progress
  - Smarter Testing Irregularities through TIDE
- Smarter Balanced is optional for public high schools.
  - ACT is the required high school assessment in ELA and Math
  - High schools that would like to administer Smarter Balanced in addition to the ACT, please contact Judy Snow no later than March 15.
- Different platform from 2015. Improved features such as item layout, calculators, number of accommodations/settings
- Student Participation in Alternate Assessments

  http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/General/16FebOPIQuickFactsAltAssessments.pdf

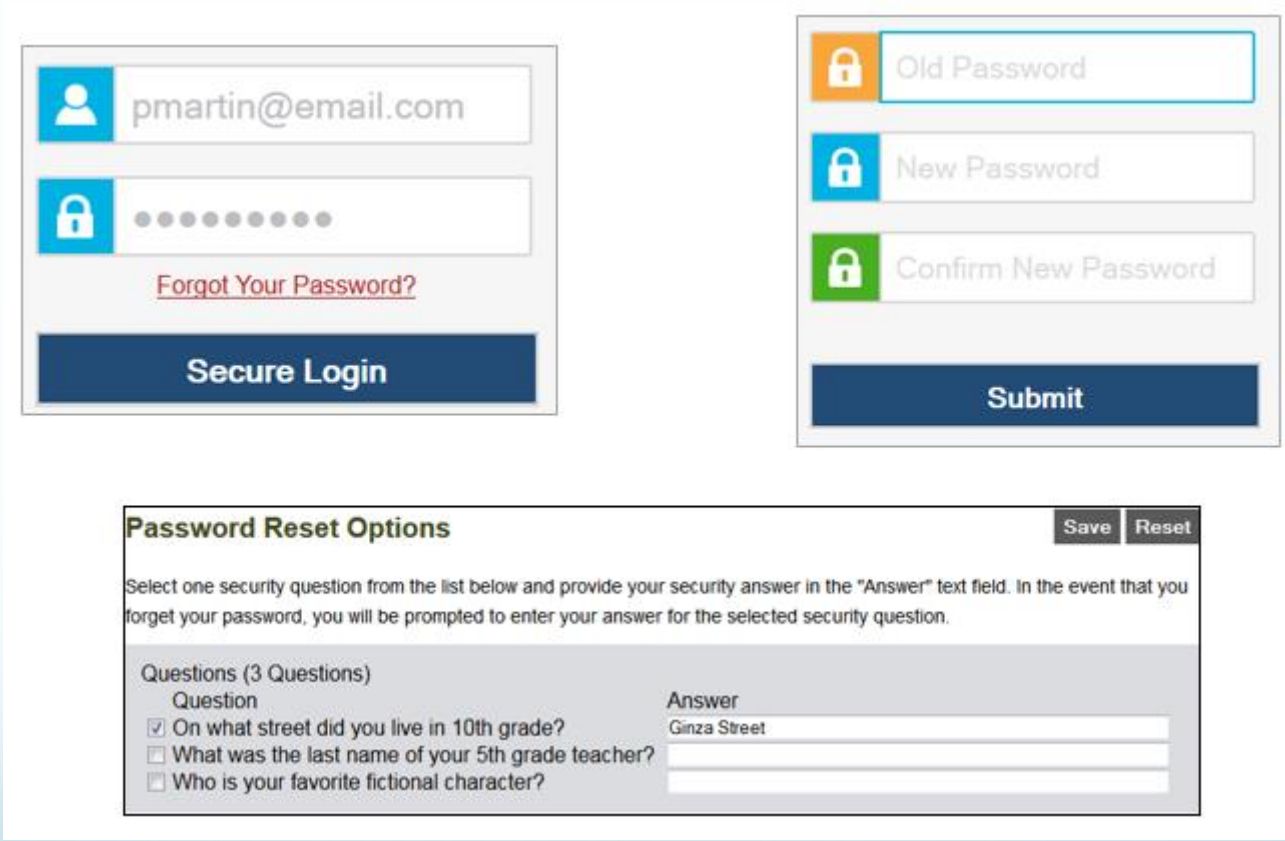
Heads Up

- Interim References: Interim will be available in May
  - In roles and permissions table
  - In TIDE: Student/View Details
    - Interim Assessment Grade
      - Two grade levels marked—current and grade below
      - Only for interim
- Test Window Count Date

March 22, 2016	**Test Window Count Date**: Student data must be accurate as of this date.	3-8, 10-11

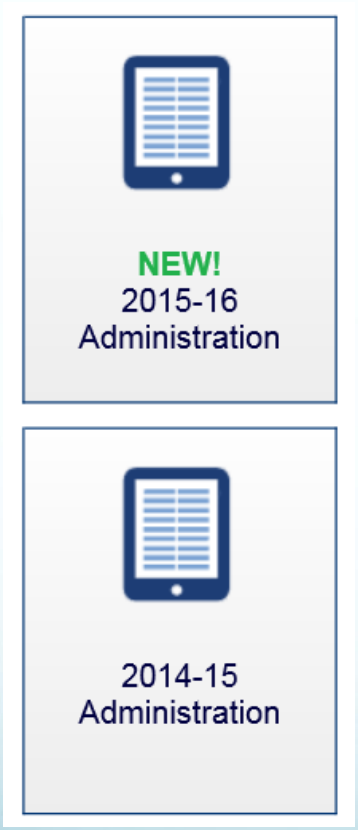
  - All students enrolled in your school through March 22 are required to participate in the appropriate MontCAS assessments.
  - Students enrolled after March 22 may participate.

Activating TIDE Account



Portal

- Navigate to: https://mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org/portal/



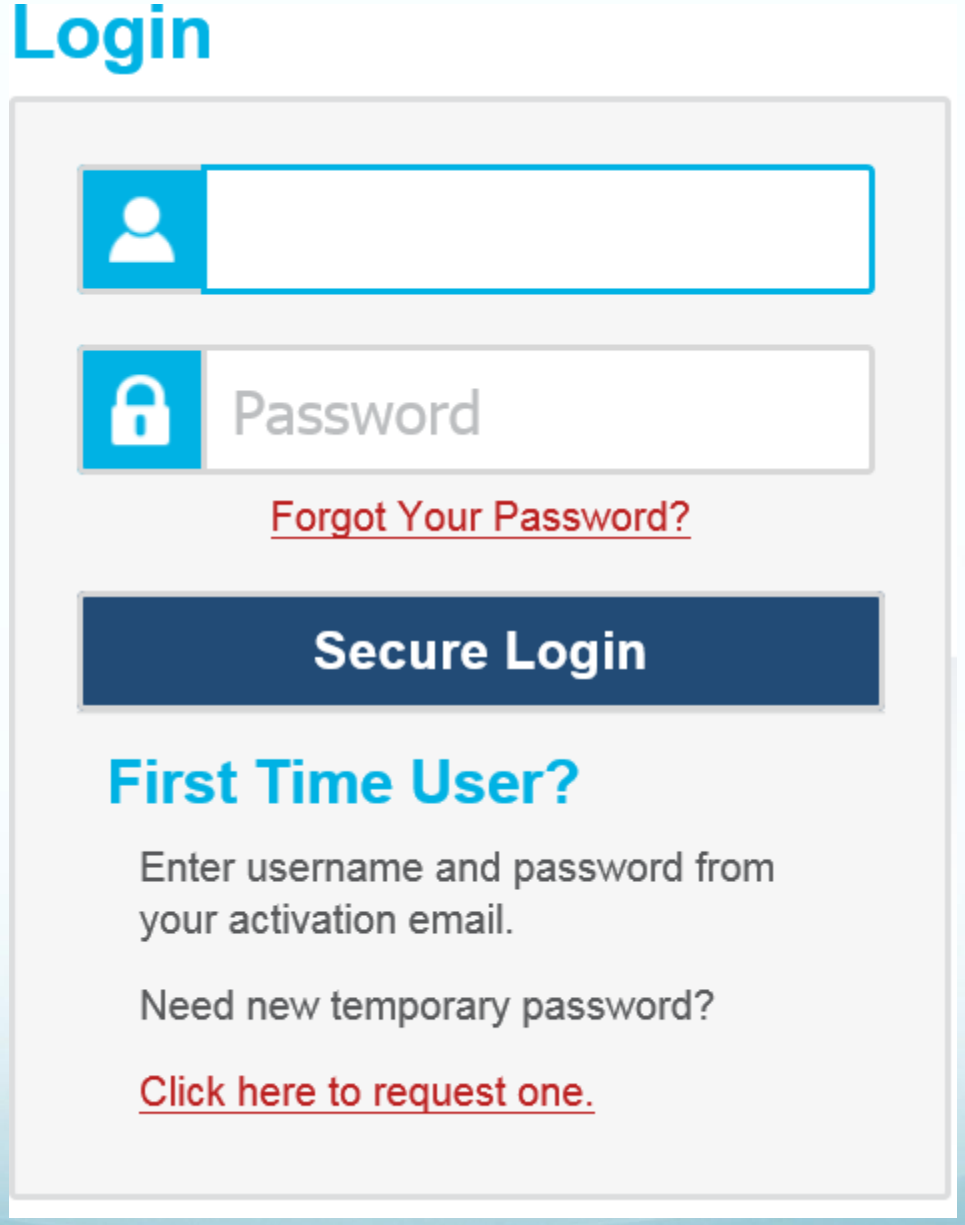
Students & Families

System Administrators

Test Administrators

Technology Coordinators

TIDE
Coming Soon
Practice & Training Test Administration
Coming Soon
Test Administration
Coming Soon
Online Reporting System
Coming Soon
Test Administrator Certification
System Administration Resources
Digital Library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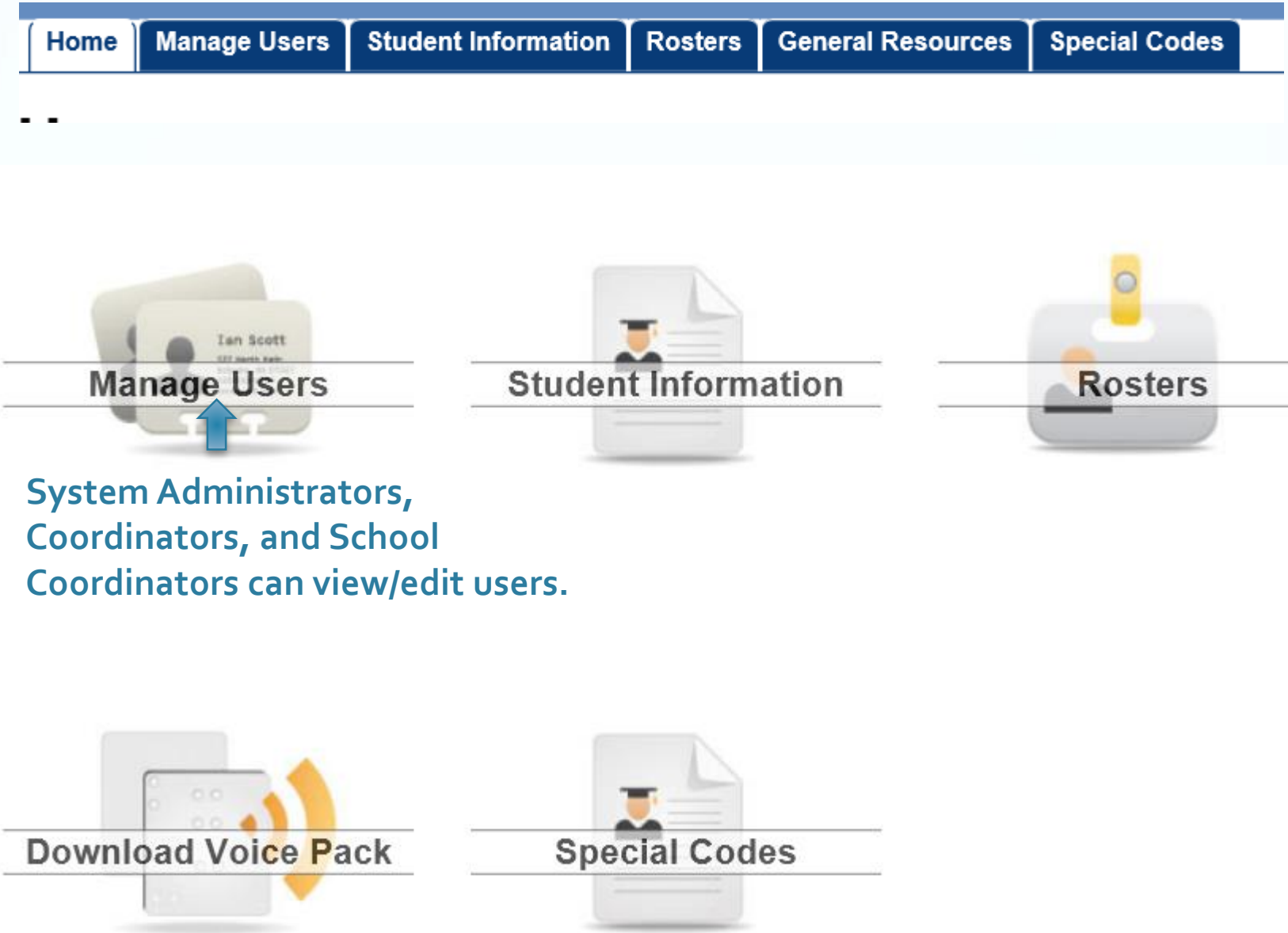
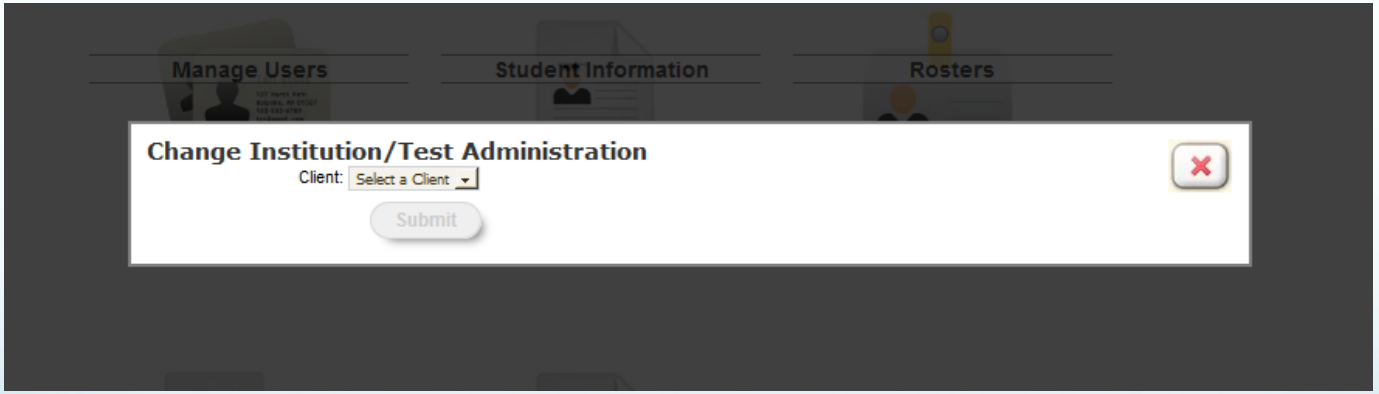
Secure Login
First Time User?
Enter username and password from your activation email.
Need new temporary password?
Click here to request one.



System Administrators, Coordinators, and School Coordinators can view/edit users.

Switching Roles for Multiple Systems/ Schools



Test Administrator Training Notebook Online Tour

- Table of Contents
- Training Log
- User Role Sheet/Table
- Test Session ID
- Testing Incidents
- Test Administrator Checklist
- Test Administrator Security Checklist
- TA User Guide
  - http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/SMART/Admin/16Smarter_TA_UserGuide.pdf

- Modified TIDE TA User Guide
- Test Administration Script
- User, Accessibility and Accommodations Guide
  - http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/SMART/16SB_Guidelines.pdf
- Guidelines and Procedures for Test Security (update in progress)
  - http://opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/SMART/15TestSecurityGuidelines.pdf

Smarter Test Administration Power Point
http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/Conf/16Conf/16SmarterConfPP_TestAdmin.pptx

MT Smarter Balanced Support

- **https://mtsmarter.measuredprogress.org/portal/** is home for all online Smarter Balanced assessment administration information.
- For questions regarding the online testing system, please contact:
  - **MT Help Desk at 888-792-2741** or
  - **montanahelpdesk@measuredprogress.org**.

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